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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

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Group Art Unit: tba

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FOR: RADIATION-CURABLE OPTICAL GLASS FIBER COATING COMPOSITIONS,
COATED OPTICAL GLASS FIBERS, AND OPTICAL GLASS FIBER
ASSEMBLIES

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January 11, 2001

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application in the manner set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 1-72 without prejudice or disclaimer, and please add new claims 73-98.

73. (New) A coated optical fiber comprising:

an optical fiber; and

a cured primary coating on the optical fiber;

wherein the primary coating is strippable from a portion of the optical fiber at a temperature in at least a portion of the temperature range from about 25° to about 125°

C. by exerting a force to a portion of the primary coating about the portion of optical